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"Let reverence for laws be breathed by every American mother to the sleeping babe that rattles on her lap; let it be taught in schools, in seminaries and colleges; let it be written in primers, spelling books and almanacs; let it be preached from the pulpit, proclaimed in legislative halls, and enforced in courts of justice. And in short, let it become the political religion of the nation; and let the old and the young, the rich and the poor, the grave and the gay of all sexes and tongues and colors and conditions, sacrifice unceasingly upon its altars."

TUESDAY, OCT. 31, 1916.

Gossip is the art of magnifying a lie into general belief.

Wisdom is a valuable asset, when one has horse sense enough to apply it.

Public demonstrations of affection cloak many a battle behind the home doors.

Of course, if you don't want to vote as we say you can vote as you darn please.

When walking in the shadow of death it is wise to hunt the sunny side of the road.

The only disagreeable feature of great wealth is in finding a way to dodge tax assessor.

When you meet up with a fellow who "knows it all" you can safely assume that but few care to know him.

About the hardest thing on earth for a girl to do is to make love to her beau and scratch a sore corn at the same time.

The man who spends his time telling others how to do it usually winds up by having his neighbor do it when his own time comes.

A good way to get through life successfully is to use all of your own brains and as much of the other fellow's as you can annex.

Republicans say calamity will overtake us if Wilson wins, and Democrats predict disaster if Hughes gets in. Trot out a suffragette.

A healthy mind is conducive to a healthy body. A healthy body produces energy and the ability to accomplish things. Start with the mind.

Now that war has raised the price of everything we eat, wear and use, how in the thunder are we going to get them down again? Another war, perhaps.

We picked up a daily paper the other day and noted that England had won a great victory. In the next column the Kaiser was sweeping everything before him. Turning over a page, we found Russia sweeping her foes into eternity, and Austria, Italy and the whole gang exterminating their enemies on every hand. Now if war is hell, just what is a war correspondent?

ANGER.

Ever stop to consider how foolish is anger—how useless?

Not only this, but anger weakens and unnerves and renders us unfit for battle, be that battle of the brain or the brawn.

Ever watch two professionals spar? See the clean-cut exhibition of skill and science as each receives and returns blow for blow. But wait till one becomes angry. Gone is all that fine science and in its place is the brute lust of battle. Now see how terribly unprepared is the angry man to stand before his smiling adversary. Passion driven and furious, he is an easy mark, and his defeat is foretold from the beginning. Again and again the scientific blows of his cool and quiet opponent beat down his guard and are driven to vital parts of his person,

and blind with passion he is powerless for defense, to say nothing of offense.

And as in the sparring ring, so in the larger circles of life. The man who can with a smiling face and stout heart meet the blows of life is armed for the fray and victory is his. The shafts of opposition, or envy, of malice, of hatred, roll from him as the water from the back of a duck. He is impervious to attack. He is unconquerable.

Does your temper give way under the annoyances and vexations of life? Then stop—back up—get a fresh grip on yourself.

Remember, anger never conquers any but the heart that harbors it. Smile.

THE DANGER OF ILLITERACY.

It is gratifying to note that the tendency of the age is setting more strongly to a general education of the youth of the land. Many States, unable to solve the educational problem in any other way, have passed compulsory school laws, and in some localities these are being enforced. Needless to say that where such is the case the results are most gratifying.

Still there are many sections of our country where this is not the case—many sections where ignorance is still at a premium.

This should not be. No child should ever be permitted to reach maturity without being given the ground work of a liberal education.

There can be no greater menace to the safety of this republic than that of ignorance. It is the father of crime and the mother of treason.

Of late we have been deluged with argument for national preparedness. To our way of thinking the most effective preparedness that this nation could attain to would be to see that every child within its borders is lifted above the soul paralyzing slough of ignorance. It would be worth more than the entire heavy ordinance of the Kaiser or all the dreadnaughts of Britain.

"Vox populi, vox Dei" is indeed a noble sentiment, but it is true only in so far as the voice of the people is the voice of an enlightened, intelligent people. It were a mockery of an omniscient God to suppose otherwise.

Let us as a people awake to the great fact that this land can never be what the Creator intended it should be until our people are all intelligent, educated, well informed citizens.

There are few social or political problems of which education is not the sure solution.

TOWN FACTIONS.

Perhaps no other one factor yields so great an influence in rotating the growth and prosperity of a town as factionalism. It spreads itself as a pall over the community life, and under its malign influence all progress wilts like a pear tree under the blight. No amount of energy and public spiritedness is sufficient to survive its depressing effects.

Take the average town torn by factionalism. A measure of public improvement is proposed. It comes from one of the two factions. It really has merit and would be beneficial to the town. Does it meet with approval? Yes, from that side of the house. From the other side, bitter opposition. Why? No mortal can tell, except that it emanated from "the other side."

There you have the meat in the coconut. "The other side" stands for everything that is undesirable and vicious.

And it is a sad commentary on our boasted Christian civilization that this spirit of bitter factionalism too frequently originates where it should never be found—in the churches. With them, all too frequently, "our folks" does not mean, as it should, all of God's creatures, but is contracted to apply to "our church," be it Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, Congregational, or what not.

Again, in many small towns, this factionalism centers in the banks. Each has its following. Each is striving not only to build up its own fortunes but to tear down the other. But from whatever source, the fact remains—and the factionalism flourishes—a sad commentary on the boasted "progressiveness" of our countrymen.

And the pity of it is that it is all useless and fruitful of no good results to either side.

United effort would invariably accomplish for both what divided wrangling accomplishes for neither.

There is a world of truth in the old emblem of the bundle of sticks, bound together, which no man could break, but which, taken separately, a child could destroy.

No factional fight in a community ever yet resulted in complete victory for either side.

Many communities have had the

sagacity to recognize this fact and, while there have always been and will always be differences, have had the good sense to endeavor to harmonize and work together for the common interest.

When we see a community torn by factions, we feel like reminding it of the old fable of the cats and the monkey—the cats found the cheese, but the monkey ate it at last.

MATTER OF GREAT IMPORTANCE

We understand that the city council are about to enter into a contract with the Lancaster Cotton Mills, which lie almost wholly without the city limits, to supply the mill with city water. It is said the contemplated contract price is to be seven cents per thousand gallons, or seventy dollars a million gallons. We further understand that it will cost, exclusive of interest on bonds, etc., approximately \$100 for every million gallons of water supplied by the city to the mills. In other words if the estimate is correct the city of Lancaster will lose on every million gallons of water furnished something like \$30, and the mill expects to use a million or more gallons a month. Can the city of Lancaster afford to be so generous to the cotton mill?

Another thing of vastly more importance, such a contract may sometime in the future so diminish the water supply as to be hazardous to the interests of the city of Lancaster. Incidentally it will be remembered the argument was used by those who opposed the issuing of bonds for water, and it is known by many who opposed the undertaking at that time, that the supply was not adequate taking into consideration the future growth of the city. The mill community is now as large, if not larger, as the city of Lancaster, therefore, why should the city council take steps which may prove dangerous to the best interest of the city? Too, can the city afford to take the risk from an insurance standpoint? It is true that in the winter months much waste water pours over the dam, but during the long droughts the creeks that furnish the water supply almost cease to run. As a matter of fact, at one time not so long ago, prior, however, to the installation of the sewerage system, the water supply fell 16 to 18 inches below the dam.

We understand that the council is divided in opinion as to the advisability of entering into the contract. Our advice to the city salons is to go slow in the matter. The interests of the city of Lancaster should be above all other considerations. To those who bear the burden of taxation in the city we suggest it would do no harm to do a little investigating for themselves. Again we offer the columns of The News to the city council as a splendid medium through which to advise the taxpayers, as well as the public at large, as to the proceedings of each meeting. In short, we again ask to be given a copy of the minutes directly after each meeting in order to publish same for the information of the people. In city building, the limelight of publicity will always augment all undertakings pertaining to the general good of all the people.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Question No. 1 Are you satisfied with what you are paying for your groceries?

Question No. 2 Do you think that you are getting your money's worth?

Question No. 3 If a firm or a person should tell you that they could save you money what would you think?

Question No. 4 Why are you trading where you are now?

Answer To No. 1 No! Nobody is because every thing is high---higher---highest.

Answer To No. 2 You think so, but you are not quite sure. Visit our store and you will know what you think is true.

Answer To No. 3 You would think that, as a matter of course, he would be obliged to say that.

Answer To No. 4 Because, as a matter of fact, you don't hardly know ---you think of course that so and so is such a nice polite fellow and then too he always sells YOU just a little cheaper than any body else.

Four Reasons why we sell cheaper than any body. We don't have to pay a book keeper. We sell absolutely for cash. We don't lose any bad accounts. We sell more with the same amount of clerks now than if we were charging. Now think it over and see if you are not convinced that a firm who sell more goods with the same clerks and don't lose any bad accounts shouldn't sell cheaper than the firm who has the extra expense of a book-keeper, loses bad accounts and can't possibly sell as much. What do You Say?

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SYNOD PRESBYTERY

MEETS AT RICHBURG

A. R. P. Delegates Will Hold Sessions at Union Church—Trial Sermons by Students.

The first Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Synod of the South will begin its annual sessions at Union church, near Richburg in Chester county, Tuesday morning. The work last year will be reviewed by

the Presbytery, and plans for the coming year will be made for home and foreign missions. Trial sermons by students of the seminary will be preached before the Presbytery. Conferences on education and missions will also claim a prominent place on the program.

The first Presbytery comprises the upper part of the State from the Broad river east, and a part of North Carolina. Each congregation will be

represented by the pastor and one elder, and a delegation of not less than 75 members is expected to attend the sessions. The Rev. J. P. Knox and Mr. Simpson will be the delegates from the A. R. P. church of Columbia.

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